

except that the captives seemed to be the better favored. If one were inclined to conscientious scruples against keeping wild birds in confinement the sight of this happy and contented family would certainly sweep the scruples away. We feel a lasting gratitude to Mr. Worthington for his interest and liberality in making this venture possible, and we heartily congratulate Dr. Scott upon the beginning of a realization of the fruition of a life given to a greatly needed work such as he has undertaken. May his work prosper and his days be multiplied to carry forward this work.

Carefully prepared lists of summer birds from regions not already fully covered by published lists, are solicited. Faunal studies of this sort will be worth publishing until the country is fully covered, or until we have learned everything there is to learn about distribution. Along with any list there should go such notes relating to life histories as can be learned, particularly as to the close of the season of song, and exact dates of nesting. Copious notes made while one is working in the field with the birds are valuable assets. Often what seem to be purposeless notes at the time they are made later prove to be the key to the solution of some vexed question. The best memory may prove fickle.

Before the next number of the Bulletin goes to press the southward migrations will have begun. How much do we really know about when the southward movement begins in our own locality, or where we spend the summer? Isn't it worth while to begin to learn about it? Here on Lake Erie some of the sandpipers which nest about Hudson's Bay, supposably, are to be found on the sandy shores and in the mud flats early in July, and some of the warblers are evidently moving southward early in August. On the other hand, some birds seem to leave for the south before they actually do.

SOME NOTEWORTHY LORAIN COUNTY RECORDS FOR 1906.

A solitary White-throated Sparrow was found wintering in the gorge of Vermilion river near Brownhelm Mills, on January 1. The bird was clearly in good physical condition. This is the first recorded instance of the wintering of this species.

Hoyt's Horned Lark was again found, in company with Prairie Horned Larks, four individuals on February 22. The difference of coloration and size was marked. These four inclined to separate themselves from the others and grouped together.

A company of six Bronzed Grackles spent the winter in Oberlin. Two or more Robins were fed all winter in Oberlin.

Only two Lapland Longspurs have been recorded for the county—March 5. Many more are usually found during the spring weeks.

A solitary Snowflake was found feeding with a company of Prairie Horned Larks, on February 16. No others were seen during the winter.

A Kirtland's and a fine male Prairie Warbler were recorded on May 2. The birds were feeding close together and permitted an approach within twenty feet, singing all the time. The Kirtland's was without markings on the center of the breast. This is the third record for Kirtland's Warbler.

A solitary Hooded and a solitary Kentucky Warbler were recorded on May 15, both singing lustily. These birds have recently made their appearance in the county. Neither have yet been found except during the height of the spring migrations.

There was a notable scarcity of Goldfinches during the last week in March and the first three weeks in April. Only a few were recorded during the winter. The birds became common again by the 30th of April, and before any had completed the spring moult. A similar scarcity is reported to me from south-eastern Michigan. Were they common anywhere during this period?

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